Events

Women in Combat Units: Experiences of Partner Nations
When: May 1-2
Who: Combat Integration Initiative, Women In International Security
Where: Day 1: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510
Day 2: Reserve Officers Association, 1 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002
Register here

On January 24, 2013, the U.S. Department of Defense announced its decision to eliminate the ground combat exclusion policy and begin the process of opening 238,000 direct ground combat positions to women. With this historic development, the U.S. joins a small but growing list of countries in which all military positions are open to women on an equal basis to men. Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, and Sweden all permit women in all combat units. France, Israel, and the Netherlands permit women in combat positions but they are barred from some units. Brazil is currently looking at how to include women in combat positions, and Australia is already phasing women in. Many other countries including the UK send women to the front line in non-combat roles, or permit women to be fighter pilots.

As the US moves forward with full integration, the services have consulted with some partner nations on an individual basis. The purpose of this conference is
to bring together a large community of practice in a single event to share the expertise of partner nations who have already fully integrated their militaries.

Wear Red for Women / Vístete de Rojo por las Mujeres
When: May 2 | 9:30-11:30 am
Who: Inter-American Commission of Women - CIM
Where: OAS Hall of the Americas
17 Street and Constitution Ave
NW Washington, DC 20006

In an effort to eradicate violence against women, the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) invites you to join the Wear Red for Women Campaign (wear red shoes, a tie, scarf, or any red item) and attend a gathering on May 2nd at 9:30 am at the Hall of the Americas, OAS Main Building (17th Street and Constitution Ave, NW Washington, DC 20006).

The event will consist of a video presentation on violence against women and brief interventions from the OAS Secretary General, José Miguel Insulza, some OAS Permanent Mission Representatives and Permanent Observers.

Snacks and coffee will be served during the session. Photos will be taken and posted on our flickr account.

If you are not able to attend this gathering on May 2nd, you can still participate in this campaign by wearing a red item and sending your pictures on Twitter (#BelemdoPara+20) and Facebook.

Social Accountability: The Answer to Ensuring Reproductive and Maternal Health Rights in the Post-MDG Era?
When: May 5, 2014 | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Who: Wilson Center Maternal Health Initiative, co-sponsored by the Global Sustainability and Resilience Program
Where: Woodrow Wilson Center
Ronald Reagan Building
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
5th Floor Conference Room

With reinvigorated family planning and maternal health efforts underway, including FP2020 and planning for the post-Millennium Development Goal era, it is critical that there is equitable participation of women, youth, and their communities in the design, delivery, and monitoring of reproductive and maternal health policies exploring domestic consequences of international immigration, the political incorporation and electoral representation of immigrant-origin minorities, and the determinants of ethnic conflict. On April 11, she spoke on Religious Parity in regards to Muslim Political Representation in Europe for the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES) at the Elliott School of International Affairs, describing her research on the inclusion of ethno-religious minorities in European political parties, particularly Muslims. Read more here.

RT @WomenThrive On #EarthDay, @LaurenSupina considers the impact of #ClimateChange on women in poverty http://ow.ly/w1qev (via @HuffPostImpact)
and programs. Social accountability mechanisms create meaningful links between citizens, service providers, and governments that can in turn lead to more responsive, accountable, and effective health systems. In Malawi, the government and CARE are currently implementing a Community Score Card at the district level to improve health outcomes and ensure rights. Are such social accountability efforts the answer to keeping rights at the center of our sexual, reproductive and maternal health efforts?

**Save the Date: The Second Annual Sheikha Fatima Lectureship**

*When:* May 8 | 4:00-7:30pm  
*Who:* United States Institute of Peace  
*Where:* U.S. Institute of Peace  
2301 Constitution Ave NW  
Washington, DC

In recognition of women as peacebuilders, the United States Institute of Peace established the Sheikha Fatima Lectureship series around Women at the Table, with the second annual lecture focusing on “Women Leading for Peace.” This year’s lectureship will showcase what it means to be a leader in diplomacy, civil society and media, and offers examples of exemplary leadership in the field of women, peace and security.

It was through the generosity of Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak Al Ketbi, the wife of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, founder and first president of the United Arab Emirates, that the Institute of Peace named the north atrium of the headquarters building the “International Women’s Commons” in recognition of efforts to advance the progress of women as peacemakers.

To RSVP, please email womenleading4peace@usip.org.

The event will feature:

- Her Excellency Reem Al-Hashimy  
  Minister of State, Cabinet of the United Arab Emirates  
- Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne  
  Peer, House of Lords, United Kingdom Parliament  
- Ambassador Melanne Verveer  
  Executive Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security  
- Ms. Jill Dougherty, Moderator  
  Fellow, Joan Shorenstein Center on Media, Organization Studies

**Org Spotlight: The Caribbean Women's Health Association**

The Caribbean Women's Health Organization is an service provider and advocacy group for urban Caribbean women living in the United States. CWHA seeks to "break the cycle of poverty through building diverse partnerships and grassroots leadership initiatives." Recognizing the multifaceted nature of poverty and health, CWHA addresses several issue areas - Medicaid/health insurance, maternal and child health, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS case management and education, immigration and teen programs. CWHA's tailors services to specific issues faced by Caribbean women to provide programs that are comprehensive and culturally appropriate. Though CWHA is based in
Politics and Public Policy, Harvard University

3rd Annual International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference: Gender and Crises in Global Politics
When: May 9-11
Who: International Feminist Journal of Politics
Where: University of Southern California Davidson Conference Center

Confirmed Keynote Speakers: Jack Halberstam, the University of Southern California; J. Ann Tickner, American University; Jacqui True, Monash University

Other Confirmed Speakers: Carol Cohn, University of Massachusetts, Boston; Sandra Harding, the University of California, Los Angeles; Cynthia Weber, the University of Sussex

Women & Policy in the Global Community
When: May 19 – 23
Who: Public Leadership Education Network
Where: Washington, DC
Scholarship Deadline: April 18
Registration Deadline: April 25

College women will learn about international policy from women whose work impacts the entire world during this week in Washington, D.C. Students will hear from women leaders advocating for humanitarian issues, citizens’ rights, international security, and international development in an increasingly interconnected world.

Save the Date: Gender 360 Summit
When: June 16
Who: FHI 360, Gender Department
Where: FHI 360 Academy Hall
1825 Connecticut Avenue NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Conference themes:
- How are organizations responding to the USAID Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy? What is working and what are the challenges?
- How does female empowerment contribute to gender equality?
- How do donor requirements impact the way organizations mainstream and integrate gender?

Conference format: presentations, facilitated.
discussions, and an interactive Gender Lounge.

More information to come! Contact us at genderdepartment@fhi360.org.

Opportunities

Jobs

**Recovery Specialist**
*Who:* UN Women  
*Where:* Amman, Jordan  
*Deadline:* May 2

**Program Associate**
*Who:* Center for Reproductive Rights, Government Relations  
*Where:* Washington, DC  
*Deadline:* May 9, 2014

**Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Public Policy Director**
*Who:* Women’s Action for New Directions (WAND)  
*Where:* Washington, DC

**Associate Director**
*Who:* Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights  
*Where:* Boston, MA  
*Deadline:* Open until filled

Internships

**Innovation and Strategic Investments Internship-Summer**
*Who:* Vital Voices  
*Where:* Washington, DC  
*Deadline:* Rolling

**Global Programs Internship-Summer**
*Who:* Vital Voices  
*Where:* Washington, DC  
*Deadline:* Rolling

**Learning for Gender Integration (LGI) Intern**
*Who:* Lutheran World Relief  
*Where:* Baltimore, MD

Other Opportunities

**Call for Papers: Intimate Partner Violence and Mental Health**
*Who:* Global Health Action and European Journal of
Psychotraumatology  
*Where*: Worldwide  
*Deadline*: April 30

**Call for papers: Conference on Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia**  
*Who*: International Conference on Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia  
*Where*: Kolkata, India  
*Deadline*: Abstracts due May 1; Conference November 7-8

**Call for Submissions: Gender Based Violence Science Fair**  
*Who*: Global Women's Institute and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)  
*Where*: Worldwide  
*Deadline*: June 1

For more national and international job and internship opportunities, visit the Association for Women's Rights in Development's [job resource page](#) or the United Nations Jobs on Gender [Twitter](#).

**Resources**

**Extremism as Mainstream: Implications for Women, Development & Security in the MENA/Asia Region**  
This brief, produced by the International Civil Society Action Network, "explores the causes and drivers of extremist trends, highlighting the essential yet often overlooked implications for women and the efforts of civil society on the ground. It also provides recommendations on broadening understanding and developing more nuanced approaches to tackling this issue."

**A Roadmap for Promoting Women's Economic Empowerment**  
This report was produced through a collaboration between the UN Foundation and ExxonMobil Foundation. It summarizes the findings of 18 studies, focusing on 4 topics: entrepreneurship, farming, wage employment, and young women's employment. Analysis identifies interventions to promote women's economic advancement and increase women's productivity and earnings worldwide.

**Blog Notes**

**Women and Mobile Technology**
Mobile technology has the potential to be transformative for women.

**Challenging stereotypes and changing minds through sports**
Sports programs can be used as a method to create social change, supporting the empowerment of women and girls.